

Labor Market Information

The Michigan Department of Career Development's Office of Labor Market Information (OLMI) is responsible for implementing the state Workforce Information System under the Workforce Investment Act. This includes the collection, analysis, and publication of a wide array of information on the state's labor market, which has approximately 250,000 employers and a civilian labor force of over 5.2 million.

In addition to employment and unemployment data, OLMI provides economic development and planning information, industry and occupational employment estimates and forecasts, wage information, and social and demographic information. Customer services include technical assistance, training seminars, presentations, and publications. Labor market information is disseminated in both electronic and print format.

Labor Market Information Sources

There are five data programs, funded by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, which produce a large quantity of labor market information for Michigan and local areas:

1. Covered Employment and Wage Program (ES-202), which collects and compiles quarterly employment and wage data for workers covered by the Michigan Employment Security Act.
2. Current Employment Statistics Program (CES), a monthly survey of business establishments which provides estimates of employment, hours, and earnings by industry.
3. Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS), provides monthly data on labor force, employment, total unemployment, and the unemployment rate for the state, metropolitan areas, counties, and cities.
4. Occupational Employment Statistics Program (OES), provides current estimates of occupational employment and wages on an annual basis.
5. Mass Layoff Statistics Program (MLS), gathers data on the number of major layoffs and business closures affecting 50 or more workers.

Products and Services

The Office of Labor Market Information provides a variety of basic labor statistics, including current monthly estimates, historical time-series, and forecasts. It also provides analytical publications, training and presentation services, and technical assistance.

Data Products

- Current and historical estimates of civilian labor force, employment, and unemployment rate by geographic area.
- Estimates and forecasts of employment for occupations and industries by region.
- Monthly employment, hours, and earnings data by industry for the state and metropolitan areas.
- Occupational wage data for Michigan and metropolitan areas.

Publications and Customer Services

- Publications include the monthly analytical newsletter, Michigan's Labor Market News; products for employers, such as the Affirmative Action Information Report; and detailed planning documents prepared for each of the state's 25 Workforce Development Boards.
- Regional Labor Market Analysts provide customers with a regional contact for a wide range of labor market services.
- Other services include training sessions on the use of labor market information and presentations and conferences on labor supply and demand issues.

How To Obtain Labor Market Information:

1. Access our Web site, www.michlmi.org, to obtain a wide assortment of labor market data and publications.
2. To access career information, links to training and job-seeking resources, and job openings and available resumes, visit the Michigan Career Portal at www.michigan.gov/careers.
3. For county and regional data, analysis, or technical assistance, contact one of OLM's regional labor market analysts. Located in key regions throughout Michigan, they provide analysis of employment and economic trends and are available to make presentations on a variety of labor market information topics. For phone numbers and e-mail addresses of regional and state staff, access www.michlmi.org.
4. For any questions about Michigan labor market data or services, please write or call:

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